PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 273

SENATE BILL NO. 2175

By Kyle, Burks, Kilby, Marrero

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2236

By Brown, Odom, Winningham, Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to student assessments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6001(b), is amended by deleting the existing language and by substituting instead the following:

As a strategy for assessing student readiness to enter and succeed in postsecondary training, every public school student shall take a series of three (3) examinations, one (1) administered at grade eight (8), one (1) administered at grade ten (10), and one (1) at grade eleven (11). These assessments shall be approved by the Commissioner of Education and provide educators with diagnostic information to assist in developing interventions for the purpose of increasing high school graduation rates and improving student preparation for postsecondary achievement. Each year, the results of such examinations shall be analyzed and reported by the Commissioner of Education to the Select Oversight Committee on Education.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 16, 2007

RON RAMSEY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

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APPROVED this 30th day of May 2007

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR